THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No decision to increase the retirement age of doctors under Central Health Services (CHS) has been taken.

(b) In view of the (a) above, the question does not arise.

Giving permission of a Government Doctor to visit his Patient outside hospital

1917. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) who has the authority to allow a Government doctor to visit outside his hospital within the State for giving advice to his old patient who is otherwise immobile; and

(b) who has the authority to allow a Government doctor to visit outside the State to advice his old patient in case of an emergency at the cost of the patient who is ordinary but tax-paying citizen of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) There is no provision in the Central Health Service Rules 1996 to allow a Central Health Service doctor to visit outside his hospital for treatment of any old patient.

Patients suffering from communicable diseases

†1918. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients suffering from communicable diseases is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.